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## Tree honors fallen teacher

School remembers  
Ching as caring man  
on Earth Day

By MARY BOSSUNG  
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The sun shone brightly Tuesday afternoon as people gathered on the south side of the McKern Center for Lifelong Learning to honor and remember Dr. Alex Ching Jr.

Although it has been three months since Ching's death, his family, friends, Northwest faculty, staff and students gathered together again on Earth Day to plant a memorial tree.

An autumn brilliance service-berry tree was chosen for planting by the employees of the McKern Center because it is from the same genus of plants with which Ching worked.

Jim Fletcher, coordinator of

the memorial ceremony, said that Ching visited the McKern Center often because it was between the greenhouse and his classroom.

He said he remembers how Ching would bring fruits and vegetables to them and teach them something new about what he had brought.

"(He) was a wonderful, caring man, and we all cared a great deal about him," said Fletcher. "We want to keep his memory alive. (The tree) reminds us that Alex was so closely tied with the earth."

Northwest Provost Taylor Barnes said the tree is a reflection of Ching's life in many ways.

Because the tree is expected to reach 25 feet in height and a branch span of 15 feet, Barnes said the tree will branch out and

have deep roots, much like the way Ching reached out and touched so many lives with his deep familial and academic roots.

Ching's wife Sonja forced back tears as she thanked the crowd for being there and said trees were very special to her husband.

After the ceremony, gatherers were invited to add dirt to complete the tree planting. Ching's children, Jonathan and Stephanie,

were the first to add dirt in memory of their father. "I think that a tree is a fitting living memorial to a life well-lived. As far as what I know of him, his life was well-lived," said Lezlee Johnson, director of landscaping services. "Since he grew things, a tree is perfect for Alex."

*"(The tree) reminds us that Alex was so closely tied with the earth."*

JIM FLETCHER  
MEMORIAL CEREMONY COORDINATOR



PHOTO BY JANELLE DAVID/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Alex Ching's son, Jonathan, pours dirt back into the hole dug to plant a tree in honor of his late father. Ching passed away from a heart attack in January.

## Lager: Not enough time for merger

Because of budget, representative says merger talks will probably be delayed

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

With the closure of the 2003 legislative session nearly two weeks away, agenda items continue to mount onto state legislators' plates.

"The budget is going to be the No. 1 issue right now," said Brad Lager, 4th district representative. "It will be nearly impossible to address the merger this session. Because of the short time (left in the session), as well as the magnitude, this issue will more than likely be laid off until (January 2004)."

Not only is the possible University of Missouri system and Northwest merger a hot topic in Jefferson City, but the proposed budget for higher education is an ensuing debate.

It is currently being discussed by state senators, and at the end of the week, the state representatives will look at it, Lager said.

The current proposal includes an \$89 million cut to higher education. If the proposed cut passes, tuition and fees would be subject to a 15 to 18 percent increase according to Gov. Bob Holden.

"At this time of the year (in the legislative session), you can think one thing is going to happen, and then the next day it changes," University President Dean Hubbard said. "I just stand back and watch the devel-

opments." On the heels of the proposed budget cuts, the merger has been in the public's view for three weeks. UM system administrators ventured through the Northwest campus Tuesday and Wednesday between closed-door sessions with Northwest administrators.

"Every aspect of the University was discussed," Hubbard said. "We first identified similarities, then differences, then changes we could impact and changes that would have to go to (the Board of Regents and the UM Board of Curators)."

Joe Moore, UM system spokesman, said both sides took another step toward merging.

"It was a very good two days," Moore said. "A lot of work was completed, and (the UM System and Northwest administrators) developed a list for things to take place."

One of the items included on that list was human resource development.

"For every employee (at Northwest), it is important to know about retiring and how that will be handled," Moore said.

Another topic that has been debated is the name change, should the merger go through. After long talks, both sides decided the name should be the University of Missouri-Northwest if the merger gets passed, Moore said.

Overall, Lager said the merger is a good opportunity for both sides.

"I think the merger has the potential and the endeavors that (the proposal) needs to stand on its own," Lager said. "We need to say, 'This is a Northwest-UM system merger, period.'" (Please see "Lakebrink" page 5A)

## Almost history

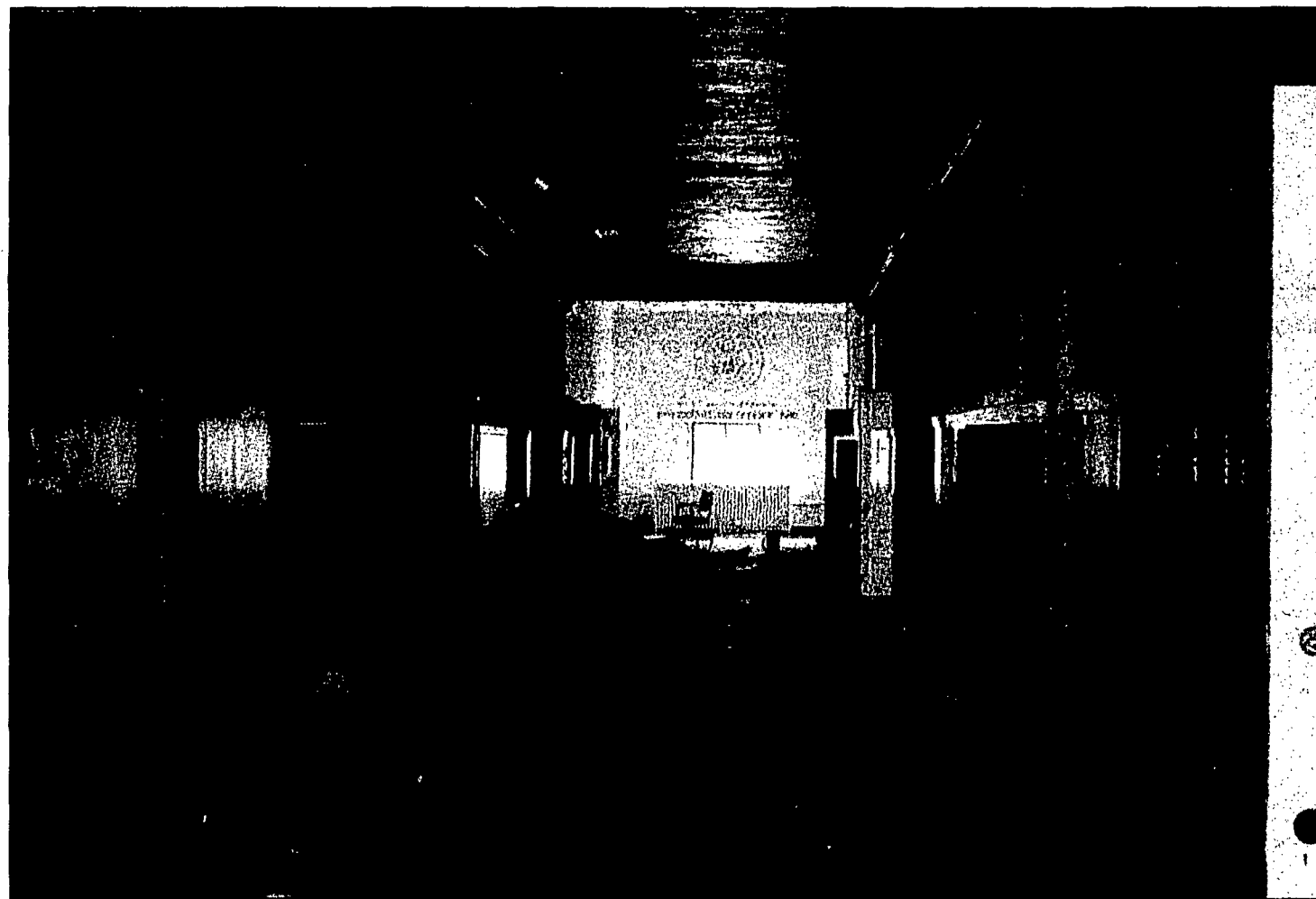


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The lights have gone dark in the hallways at the Washington school building. This week, Royal Wrecking began tearing down the interior of the school.

## Get your freak on



At the Delta Zeta's 9th Annual "Big Man on Campus" competition, Nic Vasquez was the night's winner. He was nominated by Franken Hall. PHOTO BY KATY HAWLEY/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

## Proposition B fails to gain acceptance

By MARK EUSTON  
CHIEF REPORTER

Voting on WebStar took place last week to decide whether or not a new constitution would govern the Student Senate next semester.

The proposed constitution was defeated with only 231 votes in favor of the constitution as opposed to 661 votes on the opposite side.

Ryan Bauer, one of the people responsible for the constitution, believes it will be voted on again after some changes are made.

Bauer said that there were some things that he wishes he could change about the process they took in creating the constitution.

"I would have tried to make people more aware and possibly doing it earlier in the year so that we would have had more time to educate more students on it," Bauer said.

Bauer believes that a reason the constitution did not win was because of faulty information.

"There was a lot of wrong information that was going around regarding the constitution, and I think it unfortunately gave it a bad appearance to students in general," Bauer said.

The faulty information, Bauer believes, was created by people who were opposed to the new constitution.

"I am aware that there was misinformation generated by some people who were against it to begin with," Bauer said. "We attempted to get that information out by having a letter sent out to students to address those concerns."

One rumor was that Greek organizations would have to provide a copy of their constitutions to the Student Senate. However, Bauer said that this was not true.

Former Student Senate Presi-

dent Kara Karssen said, though they could not tell who voted which way, she would not be surprised if Greek organizations had an impact on the voting.

"The Greek community is a very powerful voice on campus, and they have a good communication network," Karssen said. "We couldn't tell who was voting yes or no, but it is definitely possible that they were a major factor in the voting."

Student Senate President Emily Dix said that she was not disappointed at all that the constitution failed.

"Personally, I am very glad that it lost," she said. "I think that the constitution had a lot of good in it, and I think that we will definitely revisit our constitution that we have now and try to implement some of the changes that they proposed. But overall, I could not support the new constitution 100 percent."

## Student being tried on stealing by deceit

By ABBY SIMONS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Within days of losing the race for student body president, Northwest sophomore communications major John Lakebrink faces felony charges for stealing from the University.

As originally reported in the April 18 edition of *Missourian-online.com*, Lakebrink, who was defeated in the race for the office April 15 by Emily Dix, was arrested two days later by Campus Safety and charged with one count of attempted stealing by deceit, a class D felony.

According to Nodaway County Prosecutor David Baird, Lakebrink, 24, attempted on two separate occasions this month to obtain funds by e-mail transfer from an account belonging to

the University. Using an Automated Clearing House (ACH) deposit number, Lakebrink is accused of entering information indicating he was authorized to withdraw money from the University's account.

The charge carries a maximum punishment of five years in prison or a \$5,000 fine.

Lakebrink was freed on bond April 17 from the Nodaway County Jail and is awaiting arraignment later this month. Repeated phone calls to his Hudson Hall residence were not returned as of press time. The University registrar's office confirmed that Lakebrink was still enrolled at Northwest. (Please see "Lakebrink" page 5A)



JOHN LAKEBRINK

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## Online exclusive:

Check *Missourianonline.com* Thursday night for a review of the city forum about-all-you-can drink specials. Also, be sure to look for a story about community member Frank Felton who passed away last week.

For a review of "Identity," check out the Buzz Friday afternoon. Also, be sure to check out the television reviews. The shows change each week.

## Poll question:

What are you dreading the most about this coming week?

- 40.2% - The merger
- 39.2% - Finals week
- 14.8% - The next edition of *The Missourian*
- 5.8% - The release of the Tower yearbook

## This week's poll question:

What are your plans for the summer?

- Staying in Maryville to hit the bars
- Have an internship
- Traveling all summer
- I have to work all summer

## University honors faculty for service

Fifteen faculty members step down from University, reap joys of retirement

By MARK EUSTON  
CHIEF REPORTER

At the end of this trimester, a group of 15 faculty and staff with over 339 combined years at Northwest will be retiring.

The retirees include Ken Nelson, professor of art for more than 27 years, who said he plans to spend more time working on art with his newly found free time.

"I am an artist, so I plan to work in my studio," Nelson said. "I also plan to do some traveling to Europe and across the United States."

Nelson said there was another reason that he wanted to retire at this time.

"It was time to retire, but I also wanted to get out while I was still young," Nelson said.

Traveling is a common plan for many of those retiring. Dr. Marvin Hoskey, assistant professor of agricul-

ture, also plans to travel.

"My parents are still healthy and willing to travel, so I figure that I better travel now while they are still healthy," Hoskey said.

Carrol Fry, professor of English for more than 30 years, said that he plans to continue to work on his current book projects.

Fry said, while he looks forward to retirement, he will still miss some aspects of teaching.

"I like the routine of teaching, and I will miss the students," Fry said.

While Fry and many of the other teachers said that they would miss the students as well as other things, Nelson didn't feel the same.

"I won't miss anything," Nelson said. "I have thoroughly enjoyed, it and I can't imagine doing anything else for a living. I have had a gas working around students, but it was time for me to leave."

Wednesday night, a ceremony was held in the Union Ballroom to honor those faculty that have given so much time to the University.

Fry summed up retirement in a few words.

"It has been so long ago (since I started at Northwest) that I can't remember the beginning," Fry said.

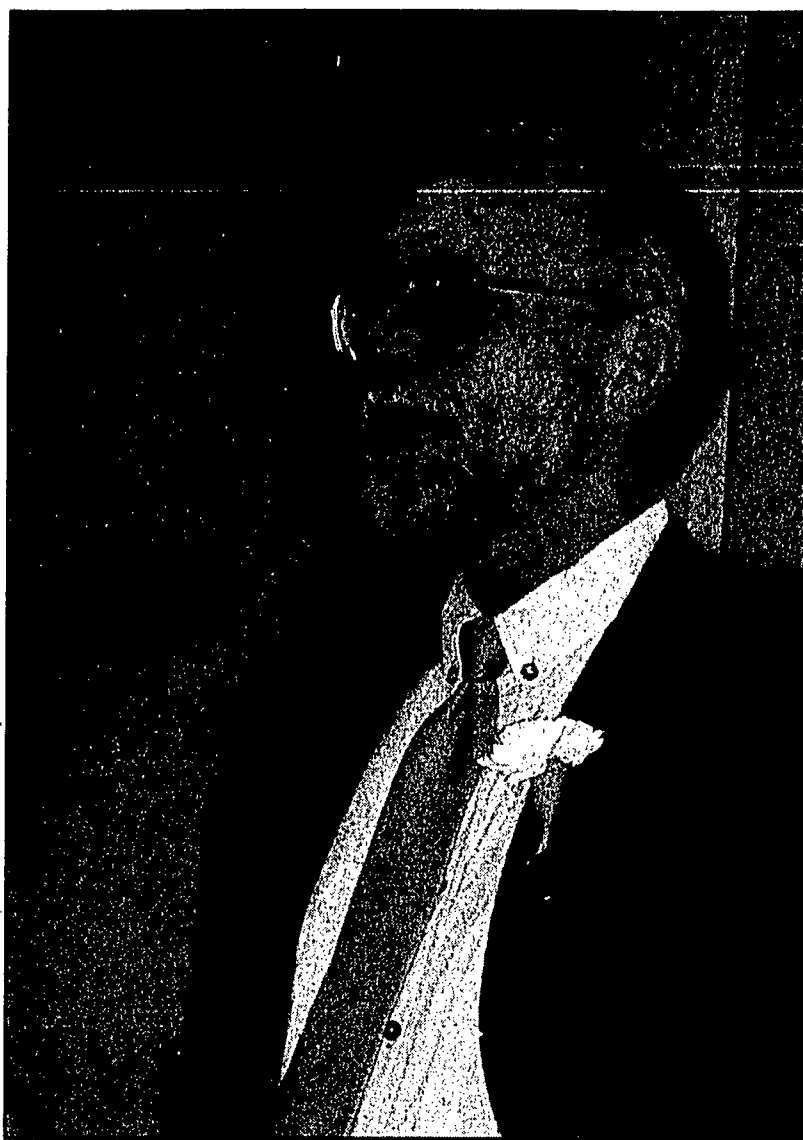


PHOTO BY MATT HAYS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
"Old timbers fall; new saplings sprout," Ken Nelson said in a speech Wednesday afternoon at the faculty retirement ceremony. Nelson served 28 years in the art department.

## Three residents run the ultimate marathon

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

As the gun sounded and the clock flickered to signal the start of the 107th running of the Boston Marathon, two Maryville residents ran along side 20,258 runners with high expectations.

Michael Hobbs, associate professor of English at Northwest, and City Council member John Jasinski endured the 26.2 miles of hills and pavement that stretched from Hopkinton, Mass., to Copley Square in Boston.

The end result for Hobbs was a marathon time of 3 hours and 47 minutes.

"I didn't reach my goal, but I was just happy to finish the race," Hobbs said.

Hobbs punched his ticket for Boston with a qualifying time of 3:29 at the Humana Marathon in Kansas City, Mo., in November. The qualifying time for the Boston Marathon was 3:30.

"Most runners would love to go to Boston," Hobbs said. "You hope to do that some day as a marathon runner."

With the race time temperature at a balmy 70 degrees at noon EST, Hobbs said he had hoped for a cooler day.

"Fifty degrees is a good temperature to run a marathon," Hobbs said. "I talked to a lot of runners (after the race), and

they said they didn't run as well as they wanted to because of the hot weather."

Jasinski entered the marathon with a qualifying time of 3:14 at Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Iowa. However, after running seven solid miles to begin the race, his legs could not churn any more miles.

"A lot of runners would hit the wall at 20 or 21 miles," Jasinski said. "It was just a physical thing, and my legs seized up on me. It wasn't my day."

Despite the disappointing race, Jasinski's running partner, Joanne Shippis of Maryville, finished 106th in the women's field.

"She ran an outstanding race," Jasinski said. "I'm proud as punch for her."

Training for Jasinski and Shippis included 30-50 miles a week for more than four months. For Hobbs, training included a 23-mile run three weeks ago.

Even though Hobbs did not beat Kenyan Robert Cheruiyot, who won the marathon in a blistering 2:10.11, he would like to run it again.

"I'd like to go back to Boston sometime," Hobbs said. "I'd have to qualify again, but I think I could do it."

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## Student displays independent film to students, community

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER  
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One Northwest broadcasting major will be leaving Northwest with an awakening experience.

The end result was a one-hour movie, "Awake," for senior T. Justin Ross. Monday night's premiere drew a standing-room only crowd at the Hangar.

The independent film was a live-cut premiere according to Ross, as the movie went through a cable feed from Wells Hall to the Hangar.

"Wow," Ross gasped as the lights were turned on after the one-hour

movie. "That wasn't what we expected to be airing."

Despite some technical difficulties, many of the people walked out with a white face as if a ghost had walked through the theater.

The movie also aired Tuesday and Wednesday night on KNWT, where a direct feed was made in Wells Hall.

The story took place at an accident site, as a college student, played by Patrick Robbins, sees a girl in a white shirt, played by Hannah Barfoot. Robbins, who plays the part of a Northwest Missourian journalist, gets wrapped up in a story involving Barfoot, who was missing for three years.

"Did you ever have a dream that you thought was real?" Robbins asks several of his close friends.

The setting of the play goes from Colden Hall to Wells Hall and from Cobbler Cottage to Workman's Chapel.

Robbins said it was easy to play into his character.

"I didn't get much sleep that week because I was pledging for a fraternity," Robbins said. "That helped me play into my character."

During the taping of the movie, Ross said there were some memorable moments.

"We were at Workman's Chapel at 4 a.m. some nights, and it got pretty cold," Ross said. "When you look back

at it, it's kind of funny."

"I got frost bit one of those nights," Barfoot chimed in, drawing an eruption of laughter from the rest of the cast and crew.

Even though the film is one hour in duration, Ross said the hours spent on the film were countless.

"I've worked on this all semester, and we spent three weeks taping...Most people don't realize the work that goes into a movie," he said.

Robbins said making a movie is a dream come true.

"(Making a movie) is something everyone dreams about," Robbins said. "Vinci is a great program, and the possibilities are endless."



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Tiffany Birdsong and Mary Matson (foreground) teach Roy Anderson and Hannah Barfoot the dance steps at Workman's Chapel. The chapel served as the "last date" Barfoot ever had.

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## Budget crisis may extend to Maryville schools

By SARAH SWEDBERG  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Days are numbered as Missouri state representatives and senators continue to work on finalizing the fiscal year 2004 budget before May 16.

Finalization of the fiscal year 2004 budget will allow the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to preview the amount of funding kindergarten through 12th grade schools receive.

In the Maryville R-II School District, the board of education has already made plans to cover the lack of state funding.

After April 16's board of education meeting, Superintendent Jay Reese, along with members of the board, voted to deficit spend.

"The school board has committed one year and one year only of deficit spending," said David Weichinger, principal of Eugene Field Elementary.

Since the board of education is unsure of the amount of state money they will receive, the district decided to deficit spend approximately \$250,000.

Reese said the district is expecting a potential reduction in state funding of \$340,000. However, the Maryville School District will not feel the harsh affects of the state cuts of \$341 million to elementary and secondary education.

"The district is fortunate because most of our money comes from local money," Weichinger said.

With this factor, Reese said the district has taken steps to secure that same stability in the amount of money it receives each year from the state to prepare for necessary reductions.

However, Reese also said the district does not plan to let go of any staff or discontinue certain elementary and secondary educational programs in any of the schools as part of the district's reductions.

Both Reese and Weichinger said the district has cut back on some of its professional staff due to retirements and shuffled some of its staff to fulfill the responsibilities of certain positions which will cease to exit or be vacant after July.

"As people retire or leave, we look at whether we can replace them or not," Reese said. "We have combined some positions."

For example, Maryville High School will no longer have an assistant principal after Michael Jordan leaves to take his position as the new Maryville Technical School director. Both the high school's administrators and Jordan will cover the assistant principal responsibilities.

"With a \$310 million cut, over half of the school districts (in Missouri) will be in danger," Reese said. "We will not be one of them."

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MARYVILLE R-II SCHOOL  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



PHOTO BY JENNY LEWIS/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Carlene Donovan, Pat Hall and Christina O'Connell enjoy lunch at Main Street Coffee. The coffee shop boasts a wide variety of coffees and other beverages as well as lunch menu items.

## Local shop provides residents with more than coffee

By ASHLEY RICKERSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With a bar on the left side and a fitness center on the right, Main Street Coffee is quite a neutralizer.

"[We] thought Maryville needed a coffee shop," said Sara Larabee, an employee at the shop. "For only being open barely three years, I'm very satisfied with the business."

The shop sells a variety of drinks. "We have cool-downs," said Sara Larabee, an employee at the shop. "There are fruit smoothies and milkshakes."

The shop also sells warm coffee. "I prefer Italian soda," Larabee said, "but flavored mochas are the most sold."

Other than drinks, the menu also contains soups and sandwiches.

"The chicken salad sandwich is probably the most sold," Larabee said. "The baked potato soup is also very popular."

Larabee included that the shop has a special on the menu everyday. But the shop doesn't just sell off a menu.

"We have paintings, pottery and artwork for sale and display," Larabee said. She said there are quite a variety of things in the shop.

"We do everything possible," McEnaney said. "We cater for private parties and have open mic night."

The ladies never know what each day is going to bring or how busy they are going to be.

"Our busiest [time] is lunch and early mornings. Before people go to work, they get their coffee," Larabee said.

Larabee said the shop has lots of regulars that are mainly college students and elderly. The shop also gives a 10 percent discount to college students that bring in their ID.

## Unknown Wonders of Nodaway County

## Students now pay more as Hangar raises prices

By MICHELLE STACY  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Area students may need to bring a little more money with them next they go to see a movie in town.

The Hangar movie theater recently took away its student ticket price, and now movie viewers can only buy general admission, senior citizen and child tickets.

However, student tickets were not the only changes made at the theater. Tax was added to concessions along with a slight increase in a few items.

Richard Groves, general manager of the Hangar, said a lot of different factors brought about the changes.

"Our thought process started with the simple thought that every business goes through: trying to match your cost structures to your revenues," he said.

Groves said in the last three years the Hangar has absorbed many cost increases from its distributors. In those years, the theater has only raised its prices once.

"We weren't matching our percentages," Groves said. "We weren't covering our costs basically, so we knew we needed to do something."

According to Groves, the low revenue was hard on the Hangar's partnership with movie companies.

"We have to ensure that we are providing them with enough return revenue, and if we can't, then they will deny us product," Groves said. "Then we have nothing to give to our customers."

Before decisions were made, Groves looked at other theaters in Missouri and Kansas, finding that only seven out of 30 theaters had a student ticket price and most of the those prices were over \$5.50.

Next, he considered competitive factors. Groves said some area people are willing to go to St. Joseph or Kansas City if it is worth it. He also said other entertainment was a competitor, too.

Lastly, Groves looked at the market expectations of what people are willing to pay for a movie ticket.

Groves said upper management then decided on the best actions.

"A lot of our customers have realized that we were not charging enough to maintain our facility to the standard that we wanted to," he said. "A great deal of our customers recognize that and appreciate that and have continued to openly express their support for us."

Hangar flight passes will now consist of a general admission price of \$6.75 and child and senior citizen prices of \$4.75.

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## Our View

### Cut back on the busywork

Barrage of final projects, papers the week before finals bears no academic benefits

As Northwest students cram in their final projects and tests before finals week, many are finding themselves under mounting levels of stress, a condition that is not conducive to retention of the material they are supposed to be learning.

We at *The Missourian* realize that it is important for professors to get through the all the course material, but in order for the students to actually have time to process that material, we encourage professors in the future to lighten up a bit on the workload in the last week before finals.

Many universities have implemented a "dead week" in which no tests or major projects can be given or assigned in the week prior to finals week. Some universities have even gone as far as to cancel classes.

We believe that the classes before finals week could be of great value to the students if they were used as a time for review. Unfortunately, it seems at the moment that many students are being bombarded with projects, papers and tests in order to "get through all the material" before the final.

This barrage leaves little time for long-term retention and comprehension, thus making the work that both the professors and students are putting into these last-minute endeavors virtually worthless.

While there can never any guarantee that students will use the class time to study and to commit what they have learned to memory, it would at least be nice to have that option.

So, we strongly urge the Northwest faculty to take heed and plan accordingly so that students have the chance to review more than one class period prior to finals.

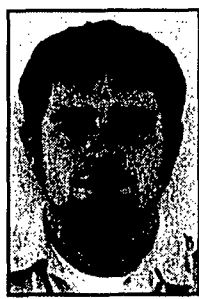
In the end, both the students and the faculty will benefit, and our University will become stronger academically if we can take the time to use the week before finals to review instead of cram.

## Comments? Concerns?

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## The Fire this Time



JED MURR  
MISSOURIAN COLUMNIST

### U.S. occupation of Iraq is far from liberation

As a few insightful critics have pointed out recently, Western occupation of Iraq is nothing new. For centuries, invaders have ventured into the Middle East, always in the name of God, in search of riches and trade routes and religious conversion. That piratical trend, of course, continued throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, mainly driven by what post-WWII U.S. planners called "one of the greatest material prizes in world history": the region's oil.

Wait, you might be saying, this war is different. This time we're working to "liberate" the oppressed Iraqi people whom we've happily helped to oppress in the past; after all, George W. Bush said so (and, so far, the liberation card has had to be at the forefront of his rhetoric since the substantial cache of weapons of mass destruction that we were to be so afraid

of has yet to materialize).

Well, it might be useful in this situation to look to the words of another of Iraq's bold liberators, our ally-in-conquest, Great Britain. In 1917, after British forces occupied Baghdad, Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Maude issued a proclamation to the newly-liberated people. Here are a few choice quotes from that noble, sincere tract:

■ "Our military operations have as their object the defeat of the enemy, and the driving of him from these territories...our armies do not come into your cities and lands as conquerors or enemies."

■ "It is the wish not only of my King and his peoples, but it is also the wish of the great nations with whom he is in alliance, that you should prosper even as in the past, when your lands were fertile, when your ancestors gave to the world literature, science, and art, and when Baghdad city was one of the wonders of the world."

■ "...the British government cannot remain indifferent as to what takes place in your country now or in the future."

■ "But you people of Baghdad, whose commercial prosperity and whose safety from oppression and invasion must ever be a matter of the closest concern to the British Government, are not to understand that it is the wish of the British Government to impose upon you alien institutions."

■ "...people of Baghdad remember that for 26 generations you have suffered under strange tyrants who have endeavored to set one Arab house against another."

■ "Therefore I am commanded to invite you...to participate in the management of your civil affairs in collaboration with the political representatives of Great Britain...so that you may be united in realizing the aspirations of your race."

Well, I'm not sure that I trust Sir Maude, particularly because the suffering he seems so keen to alleviate is precisely what the people he was addressing have continued to experience, in various forms,

in the 86 years since he delivered his message.

The obvious irony, of course, is that virtually the same message (minus inconvenient bits like the word "race" and the reference to Iraq's "literature, science, and art," which was mostly destroyed this month as we stood idly by) is being delivered to the Iraqi people today, even as the nation's resources are signed away to U.S. corporations and a retired U.S. general prepares to assume leadership. But, as evidenced by the daily demonstrations on the streets of Baghdad, many Iraqis are well aware of the dangers of replacing a dictator with a colonizer.

And now, as young U.S. soldiers are forced to stay in a nation that doesn't want them much more than it wanted Saddam, the Bush administration must look for other ways to distract public attention from pesky little domestic issues—like the half million people who've lost their jobs in the last two months, continued environmental destruction, massive corporate scandals, the budget crises, tax cuts for the ultra-rich, the devastating and soon-to-be-permanent USA PATRIOT Acts I and II, the yet-to-be-found anthrax mailer, the disparity between public opinion and government action, decreasing social mobility, the lack of diverse opinion in the media, the selling of our Social Security, etc.—so that George W. doesn't follow in his father's footsteps by failing to win an election after a war "victory."

If any of this matters to us, then it is our responsibility to ensure that the conquest of Iraq doesn't turn into the endless conquest of one target after another; as a more sensible British thinker than Sir Maude said this week, that conquest is, at its core, "the conquest of us all: of our minds, our humanity and our self-respect at the very least. If we say and do nothing, the victory over us is assured."

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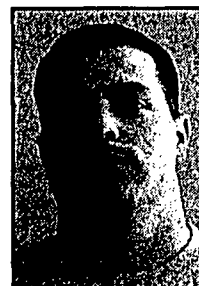
## Your View

### What's your secret to pulling all-nighters during finals week?



"I try to take a lot of vitamin C because, as far as I know, vitamin C keeps you up. I try not to drink caffeine."

Esra Aydar  
GRADUATE STUDENT, MBA



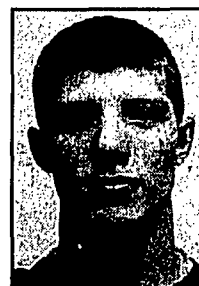
"If I had to pull an all-nighter it would be caffeine, cold food and more caffeine, but I always study ahead of time."

Wayne Fredrick  
CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS



"I just leave the TV on, and I drink a lot of Mountain Dew."

Josh Strathman  
PRE-MED/CHEMISTRY



"Mountain Dew. I usually don't have to pull all-nighters, but when I do, then it's Mountain Dew."

Pete Paniccia  
BROADCASTING



"I don't think I have any secrets. I just stay awake. I just do what I have to do. Caffeine doesn't really work for me."

Sara Spinski  
ENGLISH

## Have something to say?



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"To not use the name University of Missouri-Maryville would be a total slap in the face to the citizens and business community, and if the name University of Missouri-Northwest is adopted, citizens and business community should cease all support of the institution."

"If someone married conjoined twins, would that person be committing polygamy?"

## Letters to the Editor

### Chamber member defends and supports community business efforts

I am responding to your recent attack on the Chamber of Commerce and Nodaway County Economic Development regarding the possible building of an Applebee's Restaurant. I believe you should have your facts straight before you launch an attack on two organizations. You are possibly correct in assuming that neither organization was aware of plans of Concord Hospitality to build an Applebee's in Maryville. If the rumor is true, fantastic. Either way, you should be aware of the duties of both organizations.

The Chamber of Commerce is here to promote and support ex-

isting businesses. NCED is here to recruit, but that doesn't mean any corporation might not look at Maryville as an opportunity and proceed with plans to locate here. I would assume Concord Hospitality wasn't ready to release this information to anyone. I'm sure they considered the University, but also the population, the industry and many other factors before giving serious consideration to Maryville.

In response to your concerns about the price changes at The Hangar, I too am concerned. The great thing about our country is free enterprise. The Hangar can price where they feel they can make a

profit and you can choose to patronize them or not. Possibly, if more people had supported The Hangar when they had student rates, the prices wouldn't have changed. I've sat in theaters with 10 or less people on many evenings during the week.

I have cut this letter back from the original version to comply with your limited space. I do hope you will share the original letter with your staff so they may consider the remarks in editorials before they're published. We do value the University and the students. The business community strives to provide the students with a minimum of

the things they need, but more often want, from businesses. I hope you will take the time to consider the things that Maryville has provided: a beautiful lake, golf course, pool, parks and safe highway system. Many community leaders, including the organizations you mentioned, had a hand in the positive things you see in Maryville.

DAVE WEIGEL  
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## Group reaches out through singer-guitarist

Christian groups provide students and community with live entertainment

By ASHLEY RICKERSON  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Music and laughter filled the atmosphere during a concert Monday evening at Charles Johnson Theatre.

Campus Crusade for Christ and the Christian Campus House teamed up to provide the campus with Kansas City-based artist Matt Wertz.

Mitch Hiser, team leader for Campus Crusade, said he was really excited for Wertz to come play.

"This is really cool," Hiser said. "We have more opportunities [for concerts] than in the

past."

Hiser said he was really excited for Wertz to come and play. "This is really cool, we have more opportunities than in the past," Hiser said.

Hiser attended high school in Liberty, Mo., with Wertz, and both were involved in the Christian club Young Life.

The singer-guitarist now resides in Nashville.

"I played at Young Life camps during the summers," Wertz said. "That's what got me started traveling to different places."

Telling stories and cracking jokes between songs, Wertz reminded the listeners many times to stay around after the concert so he could meet and talk with his audience.

Wertz said meeting new people is his favorite part about doing concerts.

"I love seeing their reactions to songs and their energy," Wertz



PHOTO BY KERRY JONES/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Musician Matt Wertz immersed himself in music his senior year at the University of Illinois. Wertz entertained a mixed crowd of students and community members Monday.

said. "I always try to challenge myself to be better than the last (concert)."

Wertz, who attended the University of Illinois, realized he was meant for music during his senior year of college.

Wertz further emphasized the importance of loving his job and encouraged others to find something that makes them happy, too.

"You'll regret every minute of

life if you don't do what you're passionate about," Wertz said.

The success from Monday night will bring many opportunities for Campus Crusade for Christ in the future, Hiser said. Hiser said he would like for everyone to get involved in Campus Crusade.

"It just puts an extra step in everybody's day," Hiser said.

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## Public to voice opinions concerning drink specials

By ALEXI GROOMOUTIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Board of Regents recently passed a resolution urging the Maryville City Council to address all-you-can-drink specials promoted by Maryville bars.

Maryville City Manager Matt Chesnut said the City Council asked him to put together a public meeting regarding the all-you-can-drink specials in order to give both sides of the issue a voice.

"We've had members of the University and City Council say they'd like to see a discussion," Chesnut said.

Northwest broadcasting major Emily Day doesn't think it's the University's responsibility to meddle in the business of local bars.

"I think the University needs to stop trying to run the town and focus their efforts on running the University," Day said.

Carol Cowles is the coordinator of Northwest's substance abuse task force. Cowles said members include students, Northwest faculty, community members and the city manager. She said the task force discusses substance abuse issues im-

portant to the University and the community, noting that, according to CORE, a national survey on drinking and drug behavior, students are abusing alcohol.

"Students are clearly reporting harmful drinking practices, Cowles said. "Having all-you-can-drink specials contributes to that."

Chesnut said the drink specials have been going on for the last five to seven years. Local bars previously followed an agreement to stop all-you-can-drink specials, but, when the agreement expired, bar owners began running the specials again.

Cowles said she thinks there are other ways, like providing entertainment, that bars can compete with one another.

"I don't think it's a sensible way to do business or promote responsible use of alcohol," Cowles said.

Cowles isn't looking to abolish drinking in Maryville bars. Instead, she hopes to abolish drink specials, which have the potential to be dangerous.

"Members of the University community are not all anti-alcohol," Cowles said. "We want to set a tone of moderation and responsibility. The all-you-can-drink specials don't do any of those things," Cowles said.

## Professionals to answer questions regarding war

By GINNY FRANCIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Media attention towards Iraq has calmly slowed down in the past few weeks, but there remain several voices who still want to continue conversations about its effects at a local, national and global level.

Because of these concerns, Amnesty International and the Northwest Peace Coalition, a faith-based group from St. Joseph, will hold "Between Iraq and a hard place: a Teach-In" at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Lizzy Sexton, a member of Amnesty International and one of the coordinators of tonight's events, said the two groups came together after hearing concerns from students and

the community.

"We felt that mainstream TV wasn't accurate, so we wanted to create something where people come ask questions and get answers towards issues that are affecting all of us," said Sexton.

According to Janice Falcone, a faculty member who helped assist the groups with their organizational plans, the teach-in will provide a multiplicity of voices.

"My sense was after we invaded Iraq, all discourse stopped, and these two groups wanted to keep talking, so they came together and thought of ways to continue conversation," said Falcone. "Someone suggested a teach-in, and I had experienced those in the '60s with the Vietnam War and thought it was a great idea for them."

Speakers at tonight's teach-in in-

clude Richard Fulton, professor of political science, who will address Iraq's history and international considerations. A lawyer from St. Joseph plans to talk in depth about the ideas of a preemptive strike and different legalities concerning the doctrine of pre-emption.

Two members from Amnesty International will discuss issues concerning human rights along with student activism, and international students will also be present to discuss their feelings about the situation.

However, the discussion is not limited to the situation in Iraq.

"The conversation will be bigger than just the war on Iraq," said Falcone. "It will address foreign and domestic policy, anti-terrorism methods and what they spell out for civil liberties at home, and also what ways can we speak of these issues without criticizing or at-

tacking members of the military."

Sexton wanted to make sure this is an event for the whole campus and community to feel as one.

"Whether people are for or against the war, we want people to come just to be more open-minded because we need to start coming together and listening to one another," said Sexton. "It's important for our generation, especially because we need to be aware of what's happening and know foreign policy since every decision that takes place now, we are going to have to deal with later."

The Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and the Young Democrats of America will hold a candlelight vigil to conclude the night's event.

Musicians will perform from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the teach-in begins, and CARE will provide refreshments.

LAKEBRINK FROM 1A

## Student to face theft charges

Carol Cowles, assistant vice president of Student Affairs and chief judicial officer, said that due to student confidentiality laws, she could not comment on the arrest, or whether Lakebrink had been charged by the University.

If charged, Lakebrink will go before with the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee. According to the Northwest Student Handbook, the theft is classified as a Class C violation.

While no offense directly corresponds with University sanctions, punishment could range from a written warning to dismissal from

the University if he is found guilty of the charges.

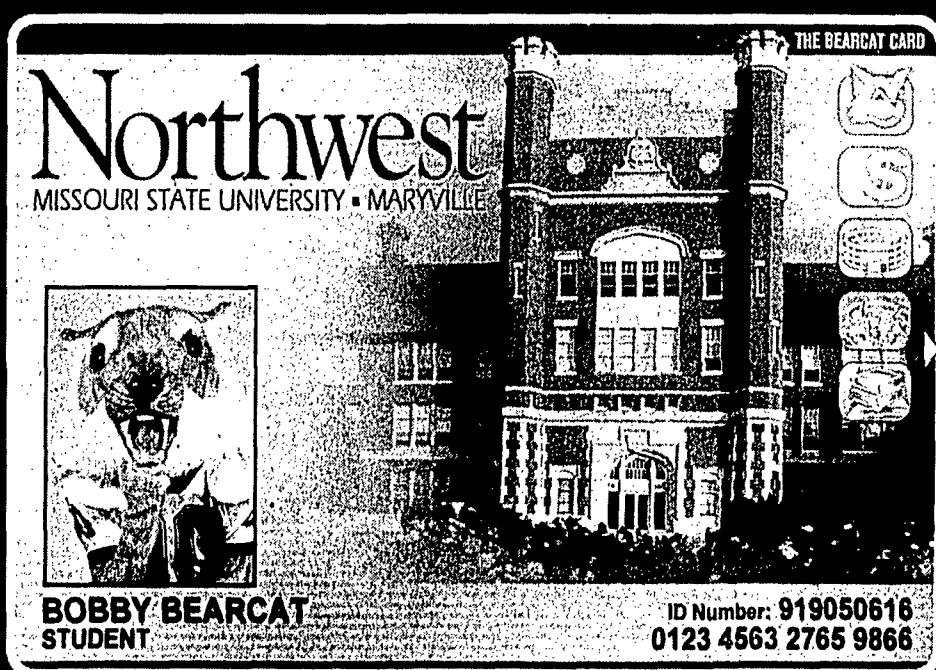
Lakebrink is co-writer and petitioner of the proposed Proposition B Student Senate constitution, which was also defeated last week by a student vote.

He also serves as co-founder and grassroots coordinator for Bearcat Voice.

While Lakebrink was not present at Wednesday evening's meeting, it was confirmed that he was still a member in good standing with the organization.

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## The stuff dreams are made of

By MONICA CALDWELL  
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You are standing on a bridge in the middle of a field of paper flowers. There is a staircase to your left leading into a sky covered with handprints, and your beloved Chihuahua Sparky is sprawled at your feet, meowing. When you take a step forward, you are suddenly inside your best friend's kitchen, except everything is upside down, and there's an ostrich looking in the window.

Then you wake up.

Some might figure a dream sequence like the one above is nothing more than the previous night's dinner disagreeing with them, but the truth is dreams have been thought to have much more significance than that for centuries.

Doug Dunham, associate professor of psychology, said why people dream is more important than what the dreams might signify. He attributes dreams not

to psychological phenomenon but instead to a biological necessity.

Though there is not one concrete theory on the origin of dreams or the reason behind them, hypotheses have been made by Sigmund Freud, who said dreams symbolize hidden desire, and his student Carl Jung, who agreed that dreams carry meaning although not always desire.

More modern viewpoints are that dreams fortify well-being and either store or discard daily information.

However, regardless of the scientific aspect, dream interpretation is becoming a mainstream way of attempting to analyze the subconscious.

Dunham said that dream interpretation is not widespread within the scientific community and is more of a pop-psychology point of view than an integral part of the human psyche.

"There's a reason those dream inter-

pretation booklets at grocery store check-out counters are 99 cents," he said.

Nonetheless, many believe there are underlying messages within dreams. The majority of dream dictionaries attribute the widespread theme of public nudity in dreams to a feeling of exposure or vulnerability, and falling dreams are thought to represent basic thoughts of insecurity or instability.

On the other hand, some consider dream interpretation merely a form of entertainment and an extension of the psychic field of study.

Whatever the case, subconscious thoughts have the potential to bring to light topics of which people are not immediately aware. Applying them to daytime events may provide a new outlook or explain what is not apparent.

Sweet dreams.



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The Northwest Missourian's Coach of the Year: Gene Steinmeyer

## Coach credits everyone but himself

Steinmeyer leads 'Cats to 16-12 campaign, fourth place in MIAA

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coaching any college athletic program is never easy. But when you begin the season with your two captains on the bench with injuries, it makes the job a little bit tougher.

Guiding a team past those injuries and then guiding them to their best season in your tenure and to the best MIAA finish in over 10 years takes a special effort.

All of these traits fit women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer.

Steinmeyer can try to shift all the credit to his players, but that just brings out another fact worthy of naming him *The Missourian* Coach of the Year.

After finishing the year with a 16-12 record, Steinmeyer not only returns his starting five next season but also his top five on the bench.

For the Bearcats to understand their potential, they had to leave the cold and wind and find the complete opposite. Northwest headed to the Hoops-n-Surf Tournament in Honolulu.

The team started off the tournament against the University of Central Arkansas.

"Against Central Arkansas, we got down 13," Steinmeyer said. "Where last year's team would have pretty much wrapped up, this year's team went from 13 down to seven up on them. They were ranked second in the nation and ended up

making the elite eight. At that point, I thought this team might be special."

Refusing to take credit for the win though, Steinmeyer continued to credit his players for the success.

"They are the ones who are going to determine how good we are," Steinmeyer said. "It's up to them in the off-season to decide how good we are going to be."

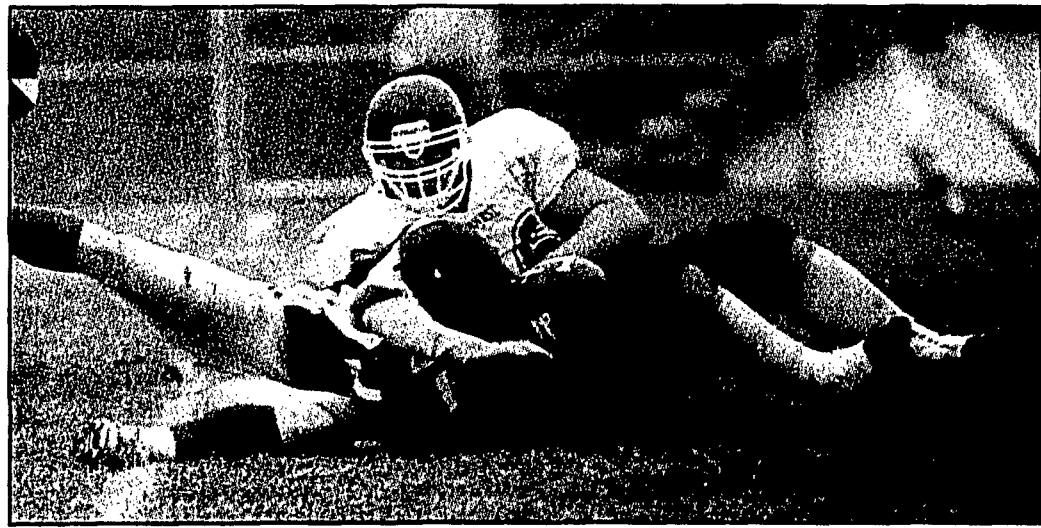
With the type of selflessness the coach shows, you would think he tried to mold his coaching philosophy after Adolph (Please see Steinmeyer on page 2B)



Northwest's Gene Steinmeyer guided the team to its first winning season since 1998. The team's fourth place finish in the MIAA was its best since 1991. For his efforts, Steinmeyer was named Conference Coach of the Year by the MIAA.

# The 10 Games ending in heartache, joy, exhaustion, triumph, defeat, including buzzer beating shots, TDs, INTs, HRs and no-no's

best games of 2002-03



Senior defensive tackle Justin Bowser sacks Truman quarterback Dusty Burk in the 'Cats' 31-24 win over the Bulldogs.

## 1. Oct. 26, 2002 - Northwest 31 at Truman 24

It looked as if the Hickory Stick was going to make an easy trip home to Maryville when Northwest clashed with Truman State University in the middle of conference season.

The Bearcats held a 21-3 lead late in the first half and were controlling both sides of the ball.

But Truman did not give up the Old Hickory Stick easily.

After scoring a touchdown late in the second quarter, Truman's Dusty Burk scored on a 46-yard run to pull within four. Then the Bulldogs took the lead just minutes later on a Burk touchdown pass.

It was the first time the Bearcats trailed in the second half all season.

The Bearcats had trouble on offense trying to regain the lead, but the Bearcat defense stepped up to contain Burk and the

Truman offense, which was nationally ranked in the top five in total offense at the time.

After the Bulldog's go-ahead touchdown early in the third quarter, the Bearcat defense would hold Truman to 10 yards of total offense over their next three possessions.

Senior kicker Eddie Ibarra booted a 31-yard field goal to tie the game at 24 with 3:59 remaining in regulation. On the ensuing drive, Truman went three-and-out, setting up what turned out to be the game winning drive for Northwest and a turning point in the season.

For the first time since their late game collapses in 2002, the defense and offense proved they can come through late in game. By season's end, the Bearcats were reigning as MIAA champions.

## 2. March 8, 2003 Washburn 57 vs. Northwest 52

It looked as if it was going to be one of the ugliest games of the season for the Northwest women's basketball team.

In the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament, the Bearcats took on the conference champion Washburn Lady Blues.

The halftime score: Washburn 30, Northwest 19. The Bearcats were shooting a mere 28 percent from the field and 16 percent from beyond the arc.

With less than 10 minutes remaining, the Bearcats found themselves down 17. But then, the comeback began. A lay-up by Laura Friederich with 1:07 left pulled Northwest within one point at 51-50. However, the Lady Blues would hit key free-throws in the end to hold on for the victory.



Freshman Laura Friederich scored 12 points and hit two key three-pointers in the five-point loss to Washburn in the MIAA Tournament semifinals.

## 3. Nov. 2, 2002 Northwest 10, Central Mo. St. 7

It was supposed to be an offensive explosion. After all, it was the top two offenses in the MIAA going at it in Northwest and Central Missouri State University.

The only touchdown came late in the third quarter when John McMenamin found senior Mark Stewart for a 51-yard strike. Two interceptions by junior Damien Chumley late in the fourth



Seniors Ryan Miller (left) and Adam Crowe combine to bring down CMSU's Kegan Coleman.

## 4. Nov. 23, 2002 Northwest 71 vs. South Dakota St. 69

The No. 3 team came into Maryville and ran into a pesky Bearcat men's basketball team.

Both teams went back and forth throughout the game. The largest lead in the game was seven by South Dakota State in the first half.

SDSU took a one-point lead

with 16 seconds left, but a three-pointer by junior Kelvin Parker with six seconds left gave the Bearcats a 71-69 win in one of the biggest victories of the season for Northwest.

It was Parker's only three-pointer in the game out of six attempts.

## 5. Nov. 30, 2002 Northwest 45, Minnesota-Duluth 41

More than 1,000 yards of total offense was racked up in this first-round matchup between Northwest and the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

The team to have the ball last would win the game. Luckily for the Bearcats, it was Northwest

with the final say. Northwest put together a six-play, 61-yard drive in the final minutes of the game. With 31 seconds left, senior backup runningback Jeromy Scaggs plowed his way to the right side for the game-winning touchdown.

## 6. April 19, 2002 Northwest 5 vs. Washburn 0

Revenge can be sweet. In a regular season matchup, the Northwest women's tennis team was defeated by Washburn University 5-4.

But in the MIAA Championships, Northwest eased through

the Lady Blues, winning 5-0 to capture their third straight conference championship.

The team won two singles matches and three doubles matches to clinch head coach Mark Rosewell's 15th MIAA title.

## 7. April 1, 2003 Northwest 5 vs. Washburn 4 (Game 1)

The Northwest softball bats struggled, but that was until the final inning in the first game of a twinbill against Washburn University.

Sophomore Tara Risetter hit a solo homerun in the bottom of the sixth inning to get the 'Cats on the board.

However it was the final inning that proved the Bearcats can hang with anyone in the MIAA.

With the bases loaded and just one out, junior Megan Spring cleared the bases with a walk-off grand slam to give the Bearcats the win.

Despite six errors, the Bearcats were able to pick up a key conference victory.



Sophomore pitcher Jacqui Handlos

## 8. March 30, 2003 Northwest 1 at Truman 0

The Bearcat baseball team could only muster one run on three hits, but that was all it needed.

Senior pitcher Brett Rust pitched a no-hitter to secure the Bearcat's 17th win of the season.

Rust retired 18 batters in a row at one time and was two batters away from a perfect game.

Senior John Sipes hit a solo-homerun in a game that took only one hour and 35 minutes.

## 9. Feb. 1, 2003 Northwest 71 vs. Pittsburg St. 69

It was a slow start but a fantastic finish for the Northwest women's basketball team against the Gorillas.

Northwest fell behind 9-0 but came back to win. The Bearcats made eight of their last 10 free throws to split the season series against Pitt State. Junior Sarah Vollerston scored 14 points in just 19 minutes.



Corey Van Dine scores two in the win.

## 10. Feb. 8, 2003 Northwest 93 vs. Missouri Southern 92

A three-pointer by senior Scott Fleming gave the Bearcats a 90-87 lead with 1:19 left and a jumper by Fleming gave the 'Cats a 92-87 lead with 35 seconds left. However, the Lions

came back and tied the game at 92 in eight seconds later.

Senior Joel Yeldell made one of two free throws with 0.4 seconds left after being fouled rebounding the ball.

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### Northwest baseball

One of the best seasons in Northwest baseball history continued Tuesday in a twinbill against Truman. The Bearcats took both games to maintain second place in the MIAA. Turn to page 3B to find out who picked up the wins on the mound for Northwest.

### Northwest softball

The Lady 'Cats are running into hard times as of late, especially with the bats. To find out if the team got out of their slump in a doubleheader against Truman, turn to page 3B.



### Year in Review

The Northwest Missourian's Year in Review continues with the Athletes of the Year. For coverage on who took this year's honors in the collegiate and high school ranks, turn to page 2B.

## The Northwest Missourian's Collegiate Athletes of the Year

## Seniors shine in final seasons at Northwest

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

This year's Athletes of the Year did what it took to get their teams back on the map. They did it with hard work, dedication to their programs, but most importantly, they did it with patience.

Senior football player John McMenamin and senior trackster Jenny Simmons are this year's Northwest Missourian's Collegiate Athletes of the Year.

Both have had successful careers at Northwest, but it was their senior seasons when the two blossomed.

McMenamin led the football team to a 12-1 mark, a conference championship and a spot in the Division II quarterfinals. This was just one season after a year in which the Bearcats finished 7-4.

"It was a tremendous year for us," McMenamin said. "Nothing is done without teammates. We all worked hard in the summer, and the coaches did a great job. This season we were put back on the map as a perennial power in Division II, and what we did was plant the seed for next season."

McMenamin had many memorable moments during his final season such as the Clash of the Champions, among other things. But it was one of his last games at Rickenbrode Stadium that will stick with him.

"The game at Arrowhead was neat," he said. "But I would have to say my most memorable moment was the game against Minnesota-Duluth. Both teams went back and forth, and it came down to a last-minute drive. We overcame adversity in that game. No one gave up, and we were given one last chance to win the game."

In the 45-41 win over Duluth, McMenamin passed for 338 yards. He only threw one touchdown pass in the game, but it was McMenamin's patience and experience that helped lead the team to a game-winning touchdown in the final seconds of the first round match-up.

However, being the starting quarterback was not always easy for McMenamin. After all, he had to follow in the footsteps of Chris Griesen and Travis Miles, both

who led their respected Bearcat teams to Division II national titles.

"Following those guys' footsteps was tough," McMenamin said. "I was never one to compare myself to them, but the bar was set high. It was definitely a lot of pressure coming in."

During the 2002 season, McMenamin set the bar even higher for future quarterbacks, setting new records for most passing yards in a season and career. In 2001 against Central Missouri State University, McMenamin had 473 all-purpose yards, setting school and conference records.

But McMenamin wants to be remembered for more than just records.

"I want to be remembered for being a team leader and a team player and someone that did whatever it took to get that win," McMenamin said.

Head coach Mel Tjeerdma said he saw a lot of improvement in McMenamin in his two seasons as Northwest's starting quarterback.

"His junior and senior seasons, he spent a lot of time in preparation, and his confidence improved," he said. "He spent a lot of time studying film and learning the offense. The effort he put into that helped him become a starter the last two years and do what he did."

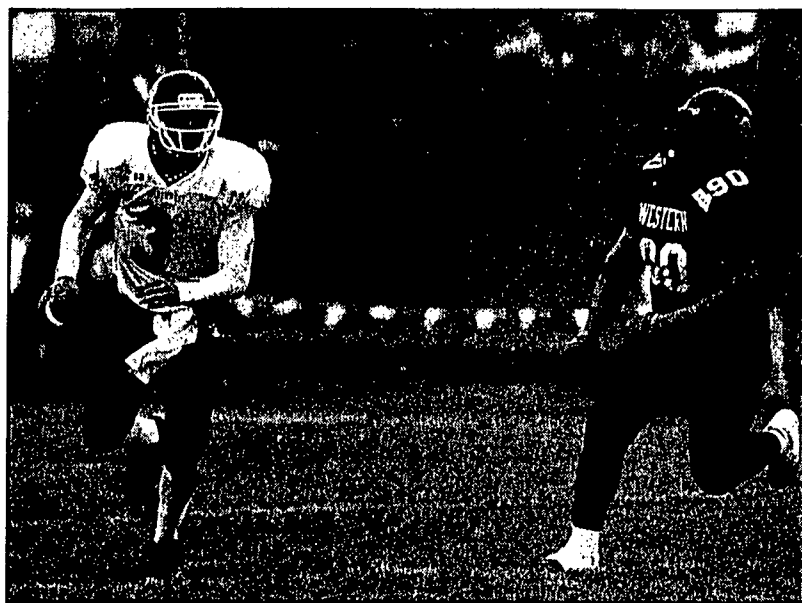
In 2003, many people were surprised to see Simmons leave Boston as the Division II national champion in the pole vault. She even surprised herself.

"It just happened to be a better day than what I expected," Simmons said. "I just wanted to finish in the top eight."

The Excelsior Springs native's jump of 11 feet, 11.75 inches placed her above any other jumper in the meet.

Simmons placed first at the Concordia Invitational with a jump of 11 feet, 4 inches. In the first outdoor meet of the season, Simmons placed first in the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet. The mark provisionally qualified her for the outdoor national meet in May.

The All-American dominated during the indoor season. She had four first place finishes and finished no worse than third in the pole vault. She also competed in the 400-meter dash. One of her first place finishes came at the MIAA Conference Championships in Warrensburg.



ABOVE: Senior quarterback John McMenamin threw for 3,583 yards and 28 touchdowns in the fall. McMenamin holds many records for Northwest. The senior led the Bearcats back to the playoffs in 2002 after the team failed to make the post season in 2001.

FILE PHOTO

RIGHT: Jenny Simmons overcame many obstacles in her four-year career at Northwest to find success her senior season. Simmons became a national champion in Boston at the Indoor Track and Field Championships this winter.

FILE PHOTO



Simmons said winning the indoor title has strengthened her desire to win the outdoor title.

"There is a lot of motivation there," she said. "In the outdoor meet, there are a lot more teams, and right now, the competition in the conference is stepping up. Motivational-wise, as far as the outdoor season, I just want to place in the top eight."

Simmons took a different approach to

this season. She came into the season looking to enjoy it more and feel more relaxed.

"Attitude-wise, I just went out and had fun with it," Simmons said. "I've had more fun this year, and I realized that, if I have a bad day, then it's okay."

Simmons said she also credits others for her success not just this season, but for her four-year career at Northwest.

"God has helped me a lot," Simmons said. "I credit a lot of my success to him."

## The Northwest Missourian's High School Athletes of the Year

## Two 'Hounds lead teams to successful fall campaigns

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

To find the top High School Athletes of the year, one would have to rewind back to the fall.

Seniors Talina Canon and Derek Garrett both earned the honor after successful softball and football seasons. In addition, they both claimed all-state honors.

Their high school success is not the only thing the two have in common. The Maryville standouts have decided to take a future path that leads both of them to Northwest to continue their athletic careers.

Each of their seasons ended prematurely this fall with both teams falling in their respective district tournaments.

"I'd say our season went pretty well," Garrett said. "Even though we lost to Chillicothe, we went from being 4-6 last year to 8-2 this season."

Despite the success of the 'Hounds' softball team last fall, Canon was not pleased with the final outcome.

"We had a good season," Canon said. "Pitching-wise, I thought things went well, but I wasn't really happy with the way things ended."

After the conclusion of the seasons, both turned their focus to college athletics and both agreed that their decision to stay home for college sports made their families happy.

"It was all up to me," Garrett said. "My parents hinted that they wanted me to come here, but the community all told me that if I was getting a better offer somewhere else to do what was best for me."

This spring, Garrett has been plagued by a hamstring injury during the track season. Track, it seems, has contained a spot of bad luck for Garrett the last two years. Last season, he qualified for three events at sectionals but rolled his ankle the day before the meet and wasn't able to compete.

"I had a successful season my sophomore year," Garrett said. "I haven't had much luck since then though. Right now, I'm most worried about not tearing (the hamstrings) up for next fall."

STEINMEYER from 1B

## Coach doesn't look far for coaching ideas

Rupp, John Wooden or some other coaching great. Steinmeyer, however, doesn't.

"When I first started coaching, I might have had some people I tried to model my coaching after," Steinmeyer said. "As I've become older though, I just try to be innovative. I want to be innovative, but my good players are what allow me to be innovative."

After some thought, however, one coach did come to his mind as to who he tries to emulate the most.

"I'd have to say if there is anyone who I try to coach like, it's (head men's basketball coach) Steve Tappmeyer," Steinmeyer said. "When you watch his practices, you feel like you're watching a coaching clinic."

Earlier in the year, Steinmeyer said it best when it comes to the effect the girls had on his success.

"When the girls buy into the program, you can turn the corner," Steinmeyer said. "I think that we did that here this year and turned the corner for the Northwest women's basketball program."

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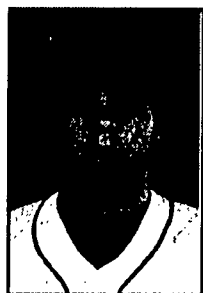
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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



Brian Boley

Boley improved his record to 3-0 after tossing a one-hit complete game Tuesday against Truman.

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Samuel followed her 10th place performance at the Kansas Relays with a first place finish at the Doane Relays.



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# Pitching propels 'Cats in sweep

By COLE YOUNG  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Brian Boley was one out away from recording what a pitcher dreams about his entire life: a no-hitter.

However, a Truman State University three-run homerun ended that dream. The homerun did not matter though as Northwest came away with a 9-3 win.

Boley hurled his second complete game of the season on his way to improving his overall record to 3-0 on the year.

"I wasn't too upset," Boley said. "I try not to worry about hits and runs. All I worry about is going out and doing my job when I come out to pitch."

Though Boley was not upset about giving up the no-hitter, he said it was easier to swallow the three-run homer thanks to the nine-run lead the offense had already given him.

"I think I would've been a little

	R	H	E
Truman	3	1	2
Northwest	9	9	0

	R	H	E
Truman	2	4	3
Northwest	4	5	0

more upset had we not had such a big lead," Boley said. "When you have a lead like that, you don't really think about the no-hitter or giving up the homerun as much."

In game one of the twirlbill against Truman, Northwest jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning and never looked back.

Northwest scored their nine runs on nine hits, three of them coming from sophomore Marcus West. West had a triple in the third after the Truman center fielder misjudged a long pop-fly.

The second game did not start out as well as the first for Northwest when the Bulldogs jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning and held the Bearcats hitless the first three innings.

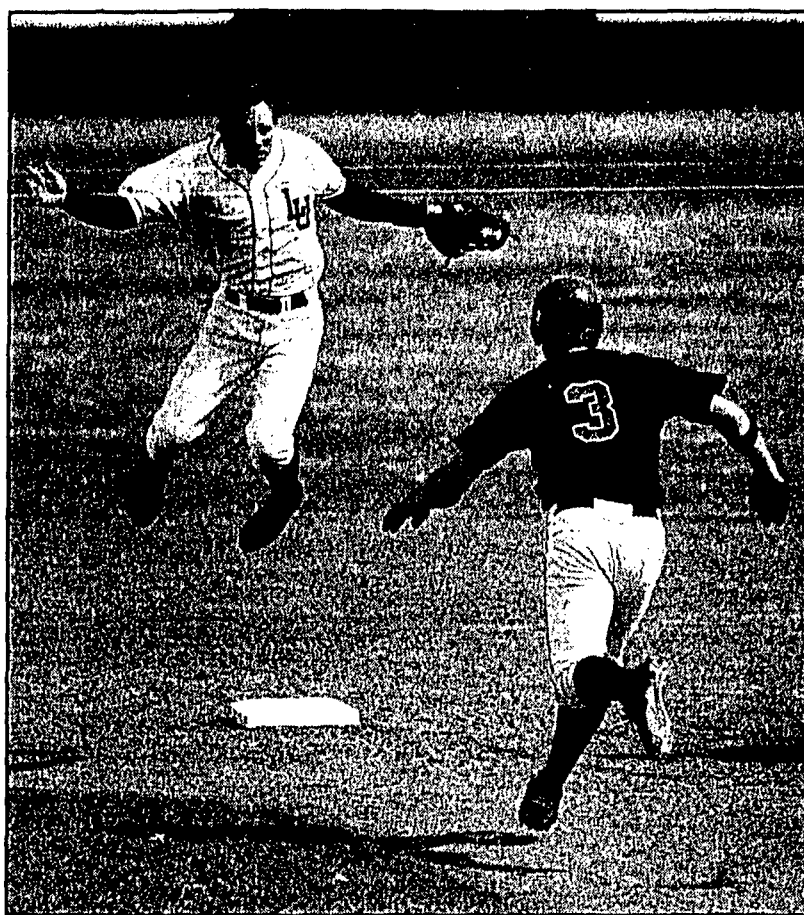
"When you come off a big win like in the first game, it's hard for the guys to keep their focus," head coach Darin Loc said. "Fortunately, we found the strike zone and started hitting the ball better."

In the fourth inning, Northwest finally got things going and scored three runs, all of which were unearned.

In the sixth inning, the Bearcats tacked on one more run with West's fifth homerun of the season.

The Northwest sweep improves their record to 29-11 overall. Up next for the Bearcats is a three-game weekend homestand against Southwest Baptist University starting with a nine inning game at 3 p.m. Friday.

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FILE PHOTO  
Junior Andrew Donovan gets caught in a rundown in a game earlier in the season. Northwest faces Southwest Baptist this weekend starting at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

## QUICK HITTERS

### Northwest tennis

For the third straight year, the Northwest women's tennis team stands atop the MIAA.

Last weekend, the women's team defeated No. 40 Washburn 5-0 to capture another conference title for head coach Mark Rosewell.

On the men's side, Southwest Baptist University denied Northwest of another conference championship, defeating the Bearcats 5-1.

JJ Mulwanda and Zach Keith picked up the sole victory for the team in doubles action.

Up next for both teams, is the North Central Regional Tournament on May 2. Time and place of the tournament has yet to be determined.

### Northwest track & field

Both teams were busy last weekend with some members of each roster taking part in the Kansas Relays and others in the Doane College Relays.

The highest finish for the teams came from Mary Wirt, who placed third in the discus with a throw of 145-03 feet.

Both the men and women had solid finishes at the Doane Relays.

Jamison Phillips finished first in the 10,000-meter run while, on the women's side, Alisha Samuel placed first in the 100-meter dash.

### Maryville track & field

The boys' team placed fifth and the girls' 11th in the 2003 Quad State last Friday in Maryville.

Sydney Brisbane finished second in the triple jump with a leap of 39-9 feet. The boys' 4 x 100 and 4 x 200 relay teams also placed second.

Kelly Dawson paced the girls' team, finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles.

### Maryville baseball

The 'Hounds' baseball squad picked up a 2-1 victory against Central this week thanks to a quality pitching performance.

Ryan VanSickle pitched six innings and recorded five strikeouts. He allowed only one walk.

Maryville scored their two runs on eight hits while allowing only one error.

## FAN PLAN

Home games

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest		Southwest Baptist 3 p.m.	Southwest Baptist (DH) 1 p.m.				Nebraska-Omaha 1 p.m.
Northwest		Central Missouri State University Invite					
Northwest		Simple Twilight					
Northwest							
Maryville		Pony Express Tournament				Benton 4:30 p.m.	
Maryville			Cameron 4:30 p.m.			Smithville 4 p.m.	
Maryville							Platte County Invite 4 p.m.
Maryville						Savannah 4:30 p.m.	

## 'Cats fall into roller coaster mode

By CLARK GRELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

It looked as if a midseason slump was coming to an end Wednesday for the Northwest softball team.

The 'Cats scored five runs in the sixth inning of game one against conference leaders Truman State University. Thanks to an RBI triple by senior Kelly Carter that broke a 3-3 tie and a two-run homerun by freshman Ashley Pride, Northwest went on to win the first game 8-5.

However, the Bulldogs bounced back and thumped the Bearcats in game two, winning 13-0 in five innings. It was the Bearcat's seventh loss in nine games, placing the Bearcats in a slump. The Bearcats have been outscored by their opponents 64-24 in those nine games.

Tuesday, the team was swept by the University of Nebraska-Omaha, only scoring one run in each game.

"We're on that roller coaster ride again after that second game (against

Truman)," head coach Susan Punzo said. "The good teams have to be mentally tough, and, right now, we are not mentally tough."

The slump began at Emporia State University last week when the Hornets swept the Bearcats. But before that, the Bearcats won a tournament in Oklahoma City.

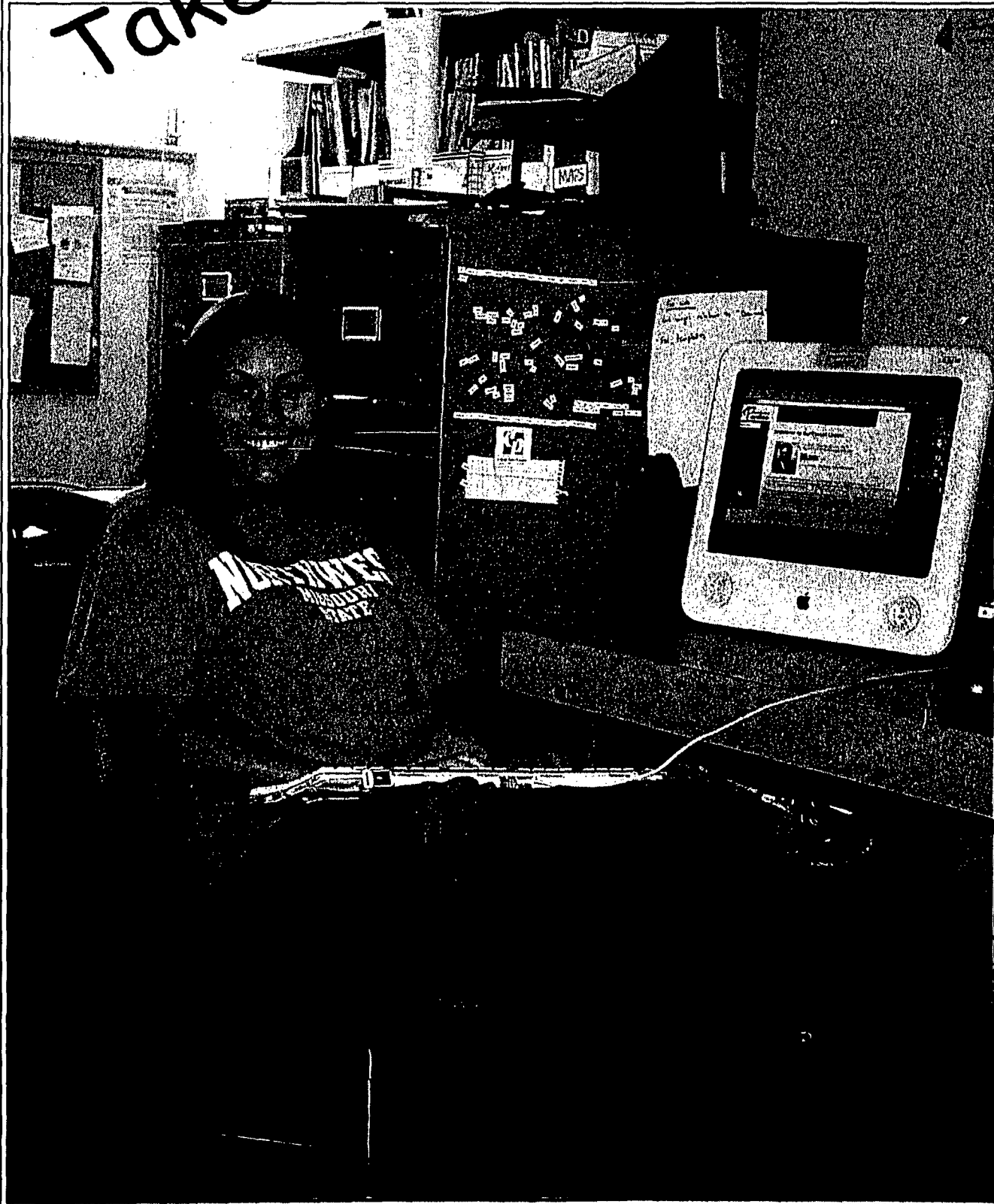
"When we were playing well, we were playing as a team," Punzo said. "We weren't playing as individuals and worrying about individual statistics. We were just going out there, playing for our teammates. That's what you saw in the first game (against Truman)."

Hitting has been a struggle for Northwest. Punzo said one of the reasons the bats have been struggling is because the team is lacking confidence at the plate.

"When we haven't been hitting, we've been going in there timid, and we have been swinging at bad pitches or the pitchers' pitches," Punzo said.

But the team has also gone up against the conference's best pitchers, making it tougher to pick up wins, Punzo said.

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# Stroller tries hand at seduction

So I had it all planned out. It was brilliant. Nothing short of sheer genius. It was like buttah, I tell you. And it was going to save my grade, my short-lived career in higher education, and my sorry, yellow, lazy, worthless, glue-sniffing keister from the wrath of Satan—er—mom.

So after hour upon hour of physical preparation and painstakingly rehearsed dialogue, I was beyond ready to change the certain fate of my academic future as I—and a few close friends mixed with cherry Kool-Aid—knew it. In a move I was certain had only been performed in such great classics as Animal House and...well, I hear my friend's roommate's cousin did it once too...I was going to get suave. I was gonna get sexy. Instead of getting screwed out of another A, I was gonna screw my way into one.

Yes, that's right. For the first time on campus, or at least the first time known among Your Man's infinitely vast circle of homies, I was going to seduce a professor, therefore cruising my way into the honor roll in a few short minutes. It all seemed infinitely easier than actually doing classwork and studying for exams.

Hmm. Seduce. It's such a cool word, isn't it? Best of all, it sort of made my greasy, last resort, Hail Mary-type plan of attack sound somewhat sophisticated. In fact, we should all adopt the term, if only to make ourselves feel much more culturally adept, despite—and don't pretend you don't know what I'm talkin' 'bout, Cletus—residing in northwest Missouri.

"Sure, she's dumb as a box of hammers, but just wait till you get a couple beers in her. She'll seduce you all night long."

But once again, I digress, and yes, only to fill space. (Eat that, my Ask Julian critic. I know who you are, by the way. Lock your door.)

Perhaps I'm getting ahead of myself. You see, as the spring trimester finally



The Stroller

draws to a close, the cold, hard truth has been discovered that Your Man has far from practiced what has been preached in previous columns in terms of procrastination and academic performance. Unfortunately, it has come to light, entirely too late, of course, that I seem to have blown my entire academic load. Course load, that is. Yup. 18 hours down the toilet.

I'm not really sure of what this inevitable disaster happened to be the result. Of course, the rigorous demands of word processing my perverted subconscious id for this esteemed weekly tradition was most definitely a rigorous project that could be factored in, but also the fact that I simply found busying myself with the task of, well, nothing, to be much more enjoyable. It wasn't really that I procrastinated, because I didn't really put off any assignments or exam preparation. I just straight up didn't do them. Guess this ain't high school anymore. You gotta do stuff now. Damn it all to hell.

Nevertheless, Your Man worked every last loophole there was to retain a passing grade in nearly every class, which included, in short, three dead grandmothers, the births of four nieces, a nephew and a child of my own, as well as a life-threatening case of acute herpes simplex II.

However, this left but one Northwest professor to be wrangled, leaving

the aforementioned plan as my last resort. So, after the primping and preparation, Your Man entered said professor's office to get the dirty work done. After mustering the guts to knock at the professor's office door, The events unfolded as follows:

(Note: Names have been withheld to protect the innocent and retarded.)

**Professor X:** (peers stereotypically over stereotypical bifocals) "Can I help you, Stroller?"

**Stroller:** (In best hoarse, seductive voice) "Why yes, professor. You see, I'm a little worried about my progress."

**Professor X:** "You should be. I didn't even know you were enrolled in my class until I had to calculate your grade. You should have tried gracing us with your presence sometime."

**Stroller:** (Sits on edge of Professor X's desk. Shows a little leg.) But you see, professor, It's been a long, hard trimester, and—

**Professor X:** Get out.

(Stroller promptly leaves.)

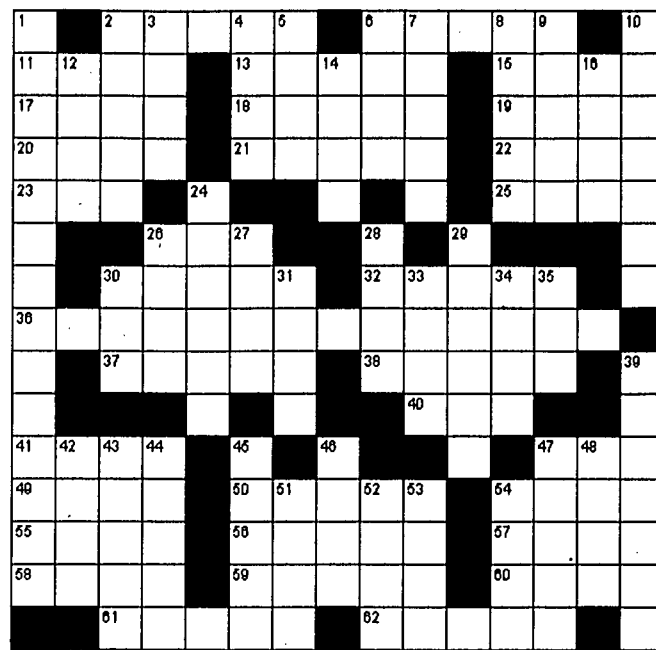
All right, so it didn't work out quite as planned. I suppose I neglected to give all Northwest faculty the credit they deserved in terms of professionalism and integrity. It had to have been that, of course, given the fact that Your Man is irresistible.

Nevertheless, I'll never give up in hopes of salvaging my ravaged grade. So my ingenious method may be out of the question in this department, but there's always tomorrow. In the meantime, fellow students in the same dire situation as myself, do some scouting for your Stroller. I'll need all the help I can get.

But for now, of course, I've learned my lesson, and rest assured you'll see me front-row center next fall. The art of professor seduction will take at least a few weeks to master.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

## WEEKLY CROSSWORD



### Across

2. Pertaining to people
6. Pertaining to the moon
11. Yeses
13. Mood
15. Second-highest Alp
17. Aggregation
18. Jordanian port
19. Foss
20. Headwear
21. Sloping edge
22. TV award
23. Units of length
25. Colored
26. One circuit
30. Company emblems

### Down

1. Calcium salt
2. Rope fibers
3. Postal service
4. Whale hunter
5. Nuclear weapon
6. Roundish projection
7. Mountain range
8. Equipped
9. Spacious
10. Long-horned grasshopper
12. Monetary unit of China
14. Labyrinth
32. Vast chasm
36. Relating to representing spectra
37. Tending to shake
38. Initiates
40. Have sup
41. Decrease
47. Devoted follower
49. Malarial fever
50. Upright
54. Viral infections
55. Trillion (Prefix)
56. Female name
57. Dominion
58. Paradise
59. Set apart
60. Helps
61. Tale
62. Faker

16. Like
24. Disheveled
26. Lake
27. Flesh of a hog
28. Sharp to the taste
29. Mediterranean isle
30. Male name
31. Nutritious beans
33. Inlets
34. Retail store
35. Sister
39. Tautest
42. Ripened
43. Baits
44. Tilted
45. Tree
46. Hades
47. Capable of flowing
48. Ancient (Scot.)
51. Depend
52. Horse's hoof sound
53. Knots
54. German Mrs

Answers can be found on this page

## on the edge

### Spring facts:

■ Quito in Ecuador, South America, is said to have the most pleasant climate in the world. It is called the "Land of Eternal Spring." The temperature rarely drops below 46° F during the night, nor does it exceed 72° F during the day.

■ Hindus acknowledge six seasons: spring, summer, the rains, autumn, winters and the dews.

■ New Year's Day is the world's most observed holiday. In most English-speaking countries, it has been observed on January 1 since the British Calendar Act was passed in 1751. There was a time when people wished others a "Happy New Year" on March 25, approximately the date of spring's onset.

■ The "spring up, fall out" phenomenon says children grow twice as fast in the spring as they do in the fall, while they gain more weight in the fall.

■ A recent U.S. study purports that there are fewer births 9 months after a heat wave. The study found that an increase of 12° Celsius (about 21.6° F) in summer temperatures reduces births the following spring by up to 6 percent. Researchers at Kinsey Institute for Sex Research at Indiana University concluded that high temperatures could reduce people's sense of well-being, which could result in a reduction in sexual interest. Another study found lower sperm counts and higher rates of miscarriage during hot weather.

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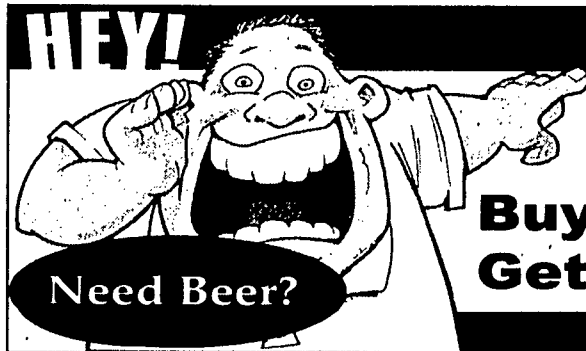
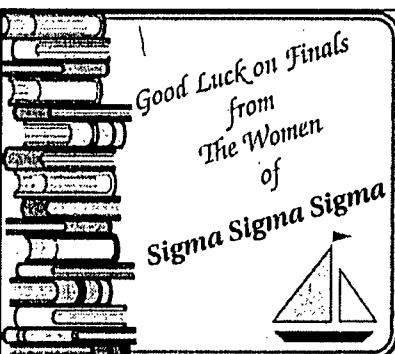
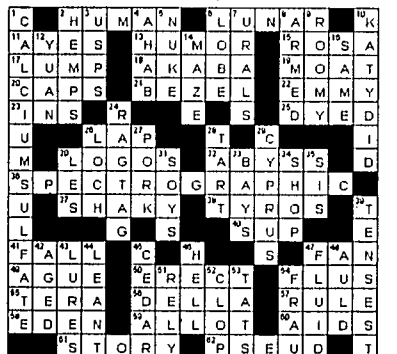
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